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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

RENTAL HOUSING MEDIATION BOARD

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2015
5:30PM
DAVID GEBHARD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
630 GARDEN STREET
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93101
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1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:

RICHARD AXILROD	X	RENE GOMEZ LYNN GOEBEL DAN HERLINGER DAVID MCDERMOTT BRIAN SO	Е
LEESA BECK	<u> </u>		X
DAVID BRAINARD	<u> </u>		X
ROBERT BURKE	X		X
CHRIS CASEBEER	E		X
SILVIO DILORETO	E	SCOTT WEXLER	X
JEANA DRESSEL	X	BRUCE WOLLENBERG	Х
JUSTIN DULLUM	X		
(X = Present A = Absent	E = Excused)		

Officers: Chair Lynn Goebel, Dan Herlinger, Secretary Scott Wexler Staff Present: Andrea Bifano, Sr. Rental Housing Mediation Specialist

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**:

There was no public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 9, 2015, Regular Meeting.

Action: Burke/McDermott, 10/0/0. (Beck, Brainard, Casebeer, DiLoreto, and Gomez

excused). Motion carried.

4. RENTAL HOUSING MEDIATION BOARD BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 15:

Report from David McDermott, Bylaw Ad Hoc Committee Chair.

On July 21, 2015, the Santa Barbara City Council adopted, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving the Bylaws of the Rental Housing Mediation Board. The amendment of the bylaws included a program name change from Rental Housing Mediation Task Force to Rental Housing Mediation Program. Further, the Council appointed volunteer mediators are now members of the Rental Housing Mediation Board. David McDermott, Bylaw Ad Hoc Committee Chair, was praised by the mediators for his guidance and hard work to see the bylaws through to their completion. The Ad hoc Subcommittee Members included: Lynn Goebel, Silvio DiLoreto, Dan Herlinger, Robert Burke, and Bruce Wollenberg.

5. BI-ANNUAL AND ANNUAL RECRUITMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL ADVISORY GROUPS:

The Chair Lynn Goebel welcomed Brian So to the Rental Housing Mediation Board and discussed the following annual recruitment schedule:

- A. Welcome Brian So appointed to the mediator tenant category on June 23, 2015.
- B. Mediator terms scheduled to expire December 31, 2015: David Brainard (Tenant), Silvio DiLoreto (Landlord), Lynn Goebel (Tenant), and David McDermott (Homeowner).
- C. Resignation deadline: Wednesday, September 23, 2015.
- D. Application deadline: Tuesday, October 6, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
- E. Interviews by the City Council:
 - Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. (Estimated Time);
 - Tuesday, October 27, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. (Estimated Time); and
 - Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.
- F. Tentative Appointments: Tuesday, December 8, 2015.

6. OUTREACH:

Update

Netza Ortiz, Rental Housing Mediation Specialist, staffed an informational table representing the Rental Housing Mediation Program on August 13, 2015 at the food bank distribution held at the Goleta Community Center. On September 3, 2015 he also staffed an informational table at the food bank distribution held at the Isla Vista Elementary School.

- 7. <u>CASELOAD REPORT AND MEDIATOR TRAINING</u>: (1.5 hours of mediation training was provided in compliance with the Dispute Resolution Programs Act Guidelines).
 - A. Statistics 4th Quarter Report 2015 Fiscal Year End:

Staff presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Program's Statistical Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year End reports.

- B. Mediator Training:
 - Mediation Case Review

Five Face-to-Face mediation cases and the mediator skills used to achieve the successful outcomes were reviewed through a PowerPoint presentation and mediator group discussion. To ensure the confidentiality of the mediation process, the names of the parties, the addresses, and any personal characteristics were not mentioned in the discussion.

The first case was mediated on April 29, 2015 by Lynn Goebel, and Scott Wexler. The second case was mediated on May 1, 2015 by Bruce Wollenberg and Lessa Beck. The third case required two sessions and was mediated on May 21, 2015 and June 4, 2015 by Robert Burke,

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Bruce Wollenberg, and Rene Gomez, Translator and Trainee. The fourth case was mediated on June 26, 2015 by Justin Dullum and Richard Axilrod. Lastly, the fifth case was mediated on August 24, 2015 by Lessa Beck, Scott Wexler and Jeana Dressel.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chair Lynn Goebel announced the following:

Silvio Di Loreto's 90th Birthday

- Founding Member of the Rental Housing Mediation Program;
- Party to be held on September 13, 2015 at the Santa Barbara City College West Campus.

Rental Housing Mediation Program Annual Fund Raiser:

 On June 6, 2015, the Fourth Annual Caring & Sharing Day was held at the Calle Real Shopping Center in Goleta. It featured sixty "not-for-profits" and charities who were paired with merchant supporters. Baroness Jewelers sponsored the Rental Housing Mediation Program donating funds raised from the sale of jewelry that day and the raffle held. Lynn Goebel and Justin Dullum were in charge of the raffle. The event was successful.

9. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.